



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5190

LCO No. 677

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
REP. SAYERS, 60th Dist.

***AN ACT REQUIRING VETERINARIANS TO OBTAIN INFORMED
CONSENT FROM ANIMAL OWNERS PRIOR TO PERFORMING A
SURGICAL PROCEDURE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That chapter 384 of the general statutes be amended to require that a
- 2 licensed veterinarian, prior to performing a surgical procedure on any
- 3 animal, shall secure the written informed consent of the animal's
- 4 owner and that such informed consent shall fully apprise the animal's
- 5 owner of all risks involved in the surgery.

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure that animal owners have the best information possible in deciding whether an animal should undergo surgery.